Faculty Questioned By Administration Lawyers

JOHN GALLAGHER
Staff Writer

Several lawyers were on campus two weeks ago to question St. Leo College faculty separately on various matters related to the faculty's effort to unionize and enter into collective bargaining.

It was reported to **The Independent Monarch** that Dr. William G. Reardon was one of the first among the faculty to be questioned by the lawyers. Reardon allegedly was pressured into answering the questions, as well as being read his legal rights by the attorneys for the College. - When asked to comment, Reardon responded, "I have an attorney and he's asked me not to make a statement." Reardon had worked with Dr. Roseanne Gmuer in the Creative Teaching Division before she was fired by the President of the College, Dr. Thomas B. Southard, for alleged union activity, after the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) ruled that chairpersons were administrators and couldn't engage in union activities. The N.L.R.B. is the federal agency which is regulating the collective bargaining effort.

Mr. Larry Foster was also reported to have been called into the office of Dr. Robert Peterson to answer questions. Foster refused to comment on the matter. He also refused to say whether or not he has acquired a lawyer.

Dr. Myndall Stanfill, who had also worked with Gmuer in Creative Teaching, acknowledged that she was called in by the administration's attorneys to answer questions. She said the attorneys told her the NLRB had instructed both the faculty and the administration to gather more information. She added, "They didn't specifically ask anything about Dr. Gmuer." Gmuer is appealing the NLRB decision on chairpersons.

Stanfill said that she understood that she had the right to not answer any of the questions, and termed the meeting, "low-key." She said that she chose not to respond to several questions.

Stanfill said she sent copies to both sides explaining her opinion regarding divisional chairpersons. She stated her definition of the chairpersons role to **The Independent Monarch**, "To chair an active, functioning committee with very little autonomous power." Stanfill said her opinion was based strictly on the Faculty Handbook.

When asked if the lawyers had questioned her about the manner in which the collective bargaining elections were held, she said that she believed they were probably leading to that until they were informed that she had not been present during the election.

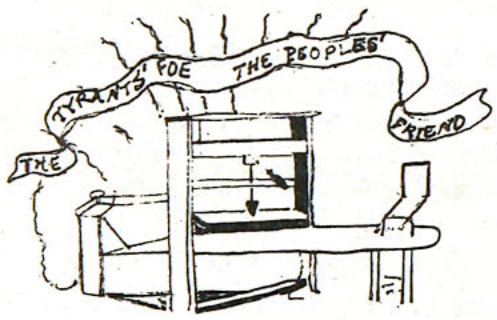
Mr. Ralph Pendexter was also questioned by the lawyers. Pendexter said that the vice president for academic affairs and the lawyers had made him feel that the questions were strictly voluntary. When asked if questions were posed relating to the duties of chairpersons he said, "I'm reluctant to say anything one way or the other." When asked if any of the questions pertained to the manner in which the election was conducted he stated, "I don't think it would be correct to speak to that." Pendexter said he is opposed to the present means of collective bargaining. He said he does not support union activity either.

Mrs. Marguerite Hertz says she was also called in to Peterson's office without pressure. She said that she was not at the collective bargaining balloting, but that however, she did sign up to join the union at a later date. When asked if she felt there was any pressure put on her to join, she responded, "No, I didn't think there was any pressure to join."

One other faculty member, who asked that his name not be used, was contacted by **The Independent Monarch**. He said that the lawyers had asked him if the divisional chairpersons applied any pressure on getting people to join the union before the balloting. He said he was specifically asked if Dr. Gmuer had tried to push teachers towards unionizing. He said he responded that she had not applied any pressure. He also told them that the union organizer from A.F.T. & F.E.A. United had also applied no pressure on the faculty to join the union. He reportedly told them that she had attended faculty meetings only to answer the teachers' questions about collective bargaining and unionizing.

Several other teachers were involved in the questioning, but were unable to be reached at presstime.

Dr. Thomas B. Southard was asked the purpose of the questioning. He relayed a written message to this reporter, through the Director of Public Information, Joy Shepherd. He called the questioning of faculty "contrary to the ethics of journalism." He also commented that he, did not choose to dignify this question with an answer." Ms. Shepherd said she did not know exactly how many lawyers the college was using, but, she said, it was "three or four."



The Independent Monarch

Shepard Sets Guidelines; Asks For Prior Clearance Of College News

The Director of Public Information for St. Leo College, Joy Shepherd, issued a set of five guidelines for **The Independent Monarch** late last week.

Included in the guidelines was a provision that, "All college news relating to any department on campus be cleared by the office of public information . . ." prior to being printed. Specific exception to this guideline was made for stories relating to "sports and activities of student clubs and organizations."

Shepherd continued saying that an interview of any member of the faculty, staff or administration of St. Leo College should be arranged through her office. Such arrangements "would be subject to a twenty-four hour waiting period for the coordinating of schedules," according to Shepherd. The guidelines went on to indicate that, "It is understood that coordinating the interview through this office (public information) does not necessarily guarantee that the interview will, in fact, be granted."

A requirement for the delivery of official college news releases was also contained among the five guidelines. "In exchange for copies of official college news releases, at the time of each publication, thirty-five copies of **The Independent Monarch** are to be delivered to the office of development and public relations."

Shepherd noted that she expected credit for her work and that persons representing themselves as being with **The Independent Monarch** would "do so in a fashion exhibiting the code of ethics observed by staff members of newspapers sanctioned by the Florida Press Association." Shepherd indicated that the guidelines were in effect during funding by the Student Government Association.

Higgins Is Happy With New Position

By JOHN GALLAGHER
Independent Monarch Staff

Mrs. Dixie Higgins, acting Chairperson of the Division of Creative Teaching says of her new job, "I'm enjoying it!", but Higgins says she really would like to go back to teaching full time after a permanent replacement for the job is named.

Higgins told **The Independent Monarch** that she feels she is qualified for the position, despite having a background in Home Economics. When asked, Higgins brought out her high school diploma. She stressed that she had, in fact, graduated with high honors. **The Independent Monarch** then asked Higgins for specific information regarding her college education. She mentioned that she received a B.S. in Vocational Home Economics from Eastern Kentucky State. She instructed the paper to add that she also picked up 28 hours in education while working on this degree. At Indiana University she earned her M.A.T. in what she described as a combination program with 20 hours of home economics and 16 in education. She also stressed that she had had a course entitled "Supervision and Administration" during one summer here.

Higgins was asked why she was picked to replace Dr. Rosanne Gmuer. She stated, "The reason given to me was I had been here for the longest number of years, that's all."

When Higgins was asked if she had been in favor of unionizing she responded, "I don't think that's relative." When asked if she was in favor of the collective bargaining effort she said, "I don't believe that we're required to tell that."

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Shepherd Guidelines Out Of Place

GREG COPELAND
Editor

The Independent Monarch is compelled to react to the 'guidelines' issued it by Joy Shepherd, St. Leo College's director of public information, last week. In issuing the guidelines it would appear that the college administration presumes some authority over the operation of *The Independent Monarch*. No presumption could be further from the truth.

The Independent Monarch is governed by its board of directors as the college is governed by its board of trustees. While *The Independent Monarch* is closer to the St. Leo College Community than other area newspapers, it is not so close as to be told it should 'clear' news with a college department. Even when the college had its own campus newspaper it was not subjected to such attempts at management of the news. No newspaper that has any respect for itself can submit to having articles 'cleared prior to being printed' by an outside person or institution. Such provisions find their place in totalitarian states, not in institutions or states that are supposedly pledged to the ideal of a free press.

Shepherd's provision tht *The Independent Monarch* furnish the college development office with thirty-five copies of the paper each week in order that it receive the college news releases is a most peculiar thing for a public relations person to stipulate. This has got to be the first time a newspaper was told that it would have to pay for receiving news releases.

List most newspapers *The Independent Monarch* is the daily recipient of news releases from dozens of people and institutions that want to get their message in print. When a news release is printed, the person or organization receives free publicity. In short, the paper is providing a service to the person, or organization (e.g. St. Leo College). It is inconveivable that the college should expect to be compensated for sending *The Independent Monarch* or any other paper news releases. One would assume that the college would be more interested in sending the paper whose circulation is more than fifty per cent St. Leo College students new releases and not 'guidelines'.

Steps have been initiated by some in the college administration to establish a working relationship with *The Independent Monarch*, but one cannot expect better relations to come about if terms are being dictated on a unilateral basis.

The existence of the paper was alleged in an August 24 memo from the public information office. It has taken four issues to be recognized by that same office. It's nice to know they are getting the paper, but are there not ways of letting people know you know they're there without telling them what to do?

The Faculty Handbook Is Dead

GERARD MULLIGAN
Associate Editor

At one time in the history of St. Leo College there was a book that had something strong to say. This book was called the Faculty Handbook. It is now dead.

It is dead for obvious reasons. The most obvious of those being that the Faculty of our College refuses to demand their rights.

There is one blunt statement that causes discussion and laughter in the quarters of many students. The statement is:

"Faculty members have academic freedom at the College".

A few lines below this humorous statement, on page 10 of the official St. Leo College Faculty Handbook, we find another statement that makes the inquisitive person ask if the handbook has any value at all. It reads, "The Faculty member shall be entitled to freedom from any punitive measures, such as reduction in salary, denial of minimum salary scale increments, punitive assignments or dismissal, resulting from his responsible exercise of academic freedom."

It is a crime that the College dare use the word freedom in any of its official publications. This statement brings a recent case to mind.

Dr. Roseanne Gmuer was fired by Dr. Thomas B. Southard, President of the College, because of her alleged union activities. According to the rules of the Faculty Handbook, the president of the College did not previously have the right to fire Gmuer. Southard did not follow his own rules.

When one considers the move by Southard it might be thought that he regressed into the last century. The tale was similar in the 19th century, an employee sought the protection of a union and was fired for the outspoken demand.

Gmuer was the leader of the faculty movement to seek union representation. She was the leader, not the body and she was fired while the remainder of the faculty remained scared.

There are faculty members at the College who are considering speaking out about the injustices occurring on campus, but it is obvious that they fear for their jobs.

It seems odd that the faculty has not spoken out about the recent inconsistent moves made by the president.

In the faculty handbook it is stated, "In exceptional cases which, in the judgment of the College, threaten direct and immediate injury to the public reputation or the essential functions of the College, the Vice-President of Academic Affairs may direct that the affected faculty member be relieved of some or all of his college duties and responsibilities *without prejudice and without loss of compensation*, pending the final disposition of the case."

This statement was not followed by the Administration. No explanation was given, the rights of a faculty member were violated. Most of the members of the faculty are afraid to speak out about this for fear of their jobs.

It must be asked: If the College does not have to honor its own guidelines sst down in the Faculty Handbook, what other rules does it have to honor? Have we, by our inactivity, given the president the right to change any rule at any time he wants?

Although it may not seem clear at this time, the College does not belong to the president, it belongs to the students. If the administration walked away tomorrow the students could see to it that a new one was employed. It is doubtful that if the students walked off campus tomorrow the administration could find a new college.

Students at St. Leo need a healthy and vibrant faculty. If the administration inhibits the faculty from performing its role adequately, because of continued harrassment, maybe its time we find another administration.

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Campus Court Representative Outlines Functions

WALTER CERMAK
Guest Writer

In most colleges, the school provides the students with a handbook of general information. St. Leo College does the same, however, St. Leo also has a section on "Student Life Policies". These policies are there to govern the students.

Although the handbook provides us with the general rules we should be aware of, it does not explain that St. Leo College has a court, which is there to interpret the rules.

The Campus Court is made up of ten persons: eight of which are students (two from each class), one who is a member of the teaching faculty, and one who is a member of the administrative staff. In addition to the eight students, there is one alternate from each class. The student members are elected each year. The court has a president who must be a student, elected by the judges. The court functions similar to that of a civil court. The defendant may have a representative who is a member of the college community as counsel. A hearing is held and where necessary a penalty imposed. Penalties range from probation to dismissal from the college.

As was said earlier these laws are there for the protection of the students. These laws are in effect bettering us as individuals. If there were no laws the school would be a mass of destruction. Over the past two years the court has had fewer cases, mainly because the students have upheld these laws. If we can continue to be aware of these such laws, then the outcome will be a better place to life. I see it as every individual person's job to be aware of the policies set forth by the school. Remember you are only helping yourself.

Panhellenic Faces Difficulties

LIZ SHONTER
Associate Editor

Currently at St. Leo College there is a controversy taking place in the Panhellenic. Two problems are evident: One, the question of whether or not to hold pledging for freshmen this semester; and two, the choice of a moderator.

The sororities traditionally have only held pledging second semester. But some sororities wish to hold pledging this semester. One sorority, Delta Phi Delta, disagrees with this choice, reportedly because they believe the freshmen need more time to get oriented to St. Leo.

The situation should be resolved soon, as the case of pledging or not has been appealed to the Panhellenic by Delta Phi Delta. The announcement of the decision should be made soon, as the sororities have scheduled their rushes so that the first bids have to be in by October 5.

The other difficulty which has arisen is with the choice of a moderator. Certain people who have been nominated for the position are held by some to not be qualified for the position because they are not directly employed by the college as a staff or faculty member. The girls have nominated some faculty members, but still hope that they will be able to retain their original choice for moderator.

Mushrooms Can Be Harmful If Used Incorrectly

At least three members of the St. Leo - San Antonio Community have become ill in the past week as a result of eating toxic mushrooms. These persons mistook a toxic variety of mushroom for the psilocybin mushroom which is used by some to obtain a relaxed effect.

In an attempt to avoid further sickness and possible death, this article has been compiled. **The Independent Monarch** does not attempt to condone or condemn the use of psilocybin mushrooms but wishes rather to explain their proper use in order that individuals do not harm themselves. Medical authorities have not agreed on the long term effects of psilocybin mushrooms on the human body as of this writing. The use of psilocybin mushrooms is a decision that the individual must make for himself.

Here are some simple rules to follow with regard to the use of psilocybin mushrooms:

— Psilocybin mushrooms cannot be grown in a garden. To be safe, they should be used only if they are found in a pasture that has cattle grazing as they grow directly out of cow manure that is relatively fresh.

mushrooms will have a black ring around the stem and when broken open, will have a deep purple or black color after a few seconds.

— The safest way to use the mushroom is to break them up and wash them off with cold water. Then, to put them in boiling water for a few minutes. The mixture can then be put in the refrigerator to cool. Lemon and sugar can be added.

It is not recommended to use these mushrooms. The effects of psilocybin mushrooms on a person's health have not been studied conclusively. But if you insist on using mushrooms, be sure you do have non-toxic ones and take care to prepare them correctly. If you are not sure what you are doing ask someone who knows.

In this space we were going to print some filler copy, but instead we have decided to be honest. We prefer to ask for your help .

We need more writers desperately. For sports, features and news articles, as well as art and photography. In fact we have openings on our staff for any body and everybody.

Stop by the house next to the Head liner Cafe or call 588-2351. This an invitation to all members of the community.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An invitation is extended to members of the community who wish to express their views on the issues of the day to write the editor. Letters to the editor must bear the author's name and should not ordinarily exceed 350 words. The INDEPENDENT MONARCH reserves the right to edit any letter.

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Higgins

Higgins stopped to make several comments about what was being written down by this reporter. After attempting to look over his notes, she continued, "Any administration I work for, I support." She continued, "If I do not support it, I leave."

When asked if she was realizing an increase in pay from her new position, she said, "I do not believe in discussing salaries."

It was reported in the recent Faculty Association Newsletter that handbills advertising the need for donations to the Gruer Fund were removed from the Creative Teaching bulletin board. When asked of this, she replied, that she did not feel the handbills were in the "best interest" of her students.

Dr. Southard was contacted and asked the reason for Higgins' being hired, as well as what salary increase, if any, she was receiving. He had no comment on either matter.

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Consumer Food Survey

FOOD SURVEY	Winn Dixie Dade City	Kash 'N Karry Dade City	Majic Market San Antonio	Jiffys San Antonio
Milk - 1 gallon	$1.76	$1.76	$1.76	$1.75
Large Eggs	.69	.62	.90	.79
Six pack of Old Milwaukee	1.36	1.36	1.69	1.49
Six pack of Budweiser	1.62	1.62	2.03	2.05
Maxwell House coffee - 1 lb. can	1.13	1.27	1.79	1.81
Tasters Choice coffee - 8 oz.	2.79	2.79	N.A.	1.93-4 oz.
Hellmans mayonnaise - qt.	1.25	1.25	N.A.	N.A.
Coke - 8 pk, 16 oz.	1.45	1.44	1.39	2.05
Hi-C Drinks - 46 oz.	.57	.54	N.A.	.65
Tide detergent - 3 lbs. 1 oz.	1.19	1.19	1.59	1.57
Cracker Barrel cheese - sharp	1.36	1.30	N.A.	1.51
Star-Kist Chunk Light Tuna	.48	.48	.83	N.A.
Ground Beef - lb.	.79	.88	N.A.	N.A.
Campbells Chicken Noodle Soup	.22	.21	.31	.27
Lettuce	.49	.48	N.A.	N.A.

It is very important for people to be aware of the differences in the price they pay for a particular item when shopping. Today in this time of economic depression it is important for the consumer to get the most for his dollar.

In the Dade City - San Antonio area there is great variety in the cost of items. If a consumer will take the time out to shop around he will end up saving a lot of money.

It is unfair to compare the two Dade City supermarkets with the two San Antonio convenience stores, as they both offer different services. The supermarkets offer a large variety of products at a lower price because of the quantity sold. The convenience stores in San Ann have higher prices but are easier and more pleasant to deal with.

The Independent Monarch has chosen certain items and compared their price difference in the four stores

To An Old Woman Washed Away In Her Memories

Don't stare at me old mother
with your mirage of memories,
nursing the facade of your mind,
the movement of your rocker
on the convolutions of the sea,
don't bother me...

you with your glass covered eyes
and your stringy salt hair,
go ahead, taunt me, ancient mother,
tottering on the shore,
haunt me for I have bigger things to do
than think of you.

Where Your Student Government Fee Goes

During last week's Senate meeting a question from a newcomer arose, just how is the Senate run? Where does the money come from? This may be wondered by many, so perhaps this small explanation will help.

Each student at St. Leo is billed $15 along with their regular tuition costs per semester. $10 of this money goes to the College Union Board (CUB), the organization which decides which lectures, concerts, movies and other social events will be held on campus. The CUB membership is elected from the student body with each class having four representatives. The Fine Arts department also has a representative, along with a few faculty and staff members. The CUB officers are elected from within the Board; Kevin Lamb is the chairperson; Craig Lafferty, vice-chair; Rich DeLuca is treasurer; and Rowena Baker is secretary.

The Student Government Association receives the other $5 of the money. The Student Government is to use this $5 per student to provide for student needs. This includes promoting certain issues that deal with student rights. Another area in which the SGA functions is to help the student is in academics, by trying to help the library out and also helping to make up the academic calendar.

The SGA officers are elected from the student body at large with restriction being that the officer be at least a sophomore. The SGA officers are: president, Dennis Mullen; vice-president, Vinny Payne; secretary, Eileen Brennan; and treasurer, Kevin Remarchuck.

AWS Election Results

The Association of Women's Students (AWS) held elections for officers during the last academic year. The officers are: Mary Esther Murphy, president; Terry Chavez, vice-president; Cyd Fleming, secretary; Sheila Donovan, treasurer. The elected judges for the AWS court are: Donna Boyan, Yolie Munoz, Margaret O'Brien, Molly Lyons, Debbie Abood, Terry Snyder, Molly Finlay, Patty Pratt, Sherry Camilleri, Robin Ferro and Betty Schmitt. The freshmen representatives to the court were just elected last Thursday and are: Verona Elliot and Cindy Miller.

Benefit Bake Sale Held

Delta Phi Delta held a bake sale on Monday, September 15. All baked goods were donated by the faculty of St. Leo College. Because of this contribution, the sorority was able to earn $50.88, which will go to support our foster child, Alma, who lives in Costa Rica.

The annual Delta Walk-A-Thon is also coming soon. The proceeds of this event also go to support Alma.

Delta wishes to thank all who gave their support to the bake sale and helped to make it a great success.

Phi Tau Rush Planned

The sisters of Phi Tau Omega wish to welcome all the new and returning students of St. Leo College. We hope you will have a good year, and for those interested in our sorority we will try to keep you informed about coming events.

There will be a rush Monday the 29th at 8:00, and a second rush Saturday, October 4, at 5:00 at the Lakehouse. Anyone interested in pledging us is welcome to pledge this semester or next. It will be a good time so please come out and join us.

SAN ANN — ST. LEO EVENTS CSLENDAR

Thursday, September 25 — St. Leo Student Senate meeting 4:00 Lewis Hall; St. Leo General Faculty meeting 4:00 Selby Auditorium; Pilgrim People — Community prayer meeting held every Thursday at the Pilgrim House next to the Carmel Hall at St. Leo College at 7:30 p.m.; Panhellenic Pledge Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26 — Deadline for entry St. Leo Intramurals swimming program; Phi Delta Omega dance at Cage, $1.00 guys, 75 cents girls. Begins at 9:00 featuring the band "Amrock."

Saturday, September 27 — St. Leo Club Football, Haines City Warriors, 8:30, away; St. Leo Soccer, Embry, Riddle University, 2:00, home; Senior Class Bash and Dance at MacDonald Center. Begins at 8:00, $3.00 per person.

Monday, September 29 — OVER 50's CLUB — Meets 1-4 every Monday at Spencer Hall in San Antonio to play cards; SERTOMA — Meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Peek's Restaurant, interested parties contact Pat Reilly at 588-2894; Phi Tau Omega cake and ice cream rush party, 7:00 p.m.; IFC General rush in MacDonald Center.

Tuesday, September 30 — St. Leo Soccer, Stetson University, 8:30, away; Kappa Dheta first rush, 7:30, boat docks; CUB movie at the Cage.

Wednesday, October 1 — Deadline for co-ed bowling entry, college intramural program; Alpha Sigma rush, beer bash.

Thursday, October 2 — Deadline for entry women's team volleyball (intramurals program); Swimming meet competition for Intramurals program 3:30 at the pool.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anyone interested in competitive swimming should contact Mr. Cabot.

Anyone interested in playing volleyball or softball with the Boys Village should contact them at the K of C Hall in San Ann, or by calling 588-3483.

Anyone interested in writing sports, features, or news articles, contact any Independent Monarch staffer, stop by the office next to the Headliner Cafe on S.R. 52, or call the office at 588-2351 . . . ANYTIME day or night call us, we need your help!

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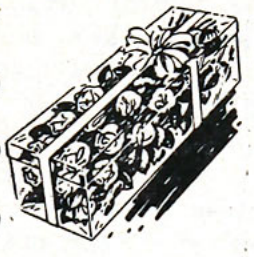

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By SARAH MULLIGAN

Every night the dark settles in and covers up everything, the stars rise and the moon beams bright and strong. As dusk extends itself and the light of day descends into the horizon my energies seem to be sinking and fading with that light. The sky looks so beautiful, most every star is looking down with a protective gaze. Guiding lights and guardian stars, mine must be that little one, the one that's fading That little star faltering, weakening, struggling to stay lit. The light in my heart is going dim, it's fading among all the brighter lights..

The strength I need I'll draw from the moon, its brightness can cast my sorrow away. May this reflection of forces cast light in my soul, a light which will brighten a consuming darkness. Powerful pull which changes the tides, please help me to pull this sorrow from my life.

The peace and calmness of the night hold an understanding of this strange phenomena. I want to feel a cool evening breeze, to gaze at the stars and be awed by their beauty, with the moon to share my grief and clear the haze, an acceptance will come.

The dampness of the night air creates a moist blanket which is suffocating me. The hollowness of the night is leaving me alone, the stillness is absorbing my life.

This first night alone, fear is flooding my heart. I can't understand why I'm so unprepared, death has always been such a true part of life. The memories of security keep clouding my mind, making it impossible to accept an empty reception. The peace and serenity that I know must exist, is so hard to believe in when I'm feeling so selfishly alone.

Contours In Creation

By br. bernard o. s.b.

The Many Faces Of Amy

Senate Committees Established

LIZ SHONTER
Associate Editor

The Student Senate held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 18. The first order of business was the appointment of a moderator and officers. Mr. Ed LaChance and Mr. Charles Fisk were chosen as the Senate's 1975-76 moderators. The officers chosen were: Ted Kolwicz as parliamentarian; Amy Ryan as recording secretary; Angelo Laprior as day student representative to the Senate's Executive Board, and Al Love as president pro-tem.

The Senate President, Vinny Payne, then discussed the allocation of $1,000 per semester to **The Independent Monarch** and the sipulations under which the agreement was made. These are: **The Independent Monarch** will print more organizational news; will condense articles on the same topic; will depersonalize articles; will make a statement of editorial policy. The president of the Senate will also sit on the Board of Directors of Community News of Pasco, Inc., and will help **The Independent Monarch** by recruiting writers. The SGA President and **The Independent Monarch** Editor will meet periodically to discuss the newspaper's progress.

The next matter of business was the allocation of $1,000 for the rebuilding of the tennis courts. SGA president Dennis Mullen stated that the exact cost of the renovation is not known by him, but that he believes it to be somewhere in the vicinity of $50,000. Mullen also commented that because the students initiated the renovation he feels they should help to finish it. Senator Al Love mentioned that he did not feel the Senate should contribute unless the College Union Board (CUB) - matched or even surpassed the Senate's donation. That amendment was added to the motion. The motion to grant the $1,000 passed unanimously.

The next matter of business was the formation of committees. The first committee formed was the Finance Committee. Kevin (Barney) Remarchuck, SGA Treasurer, is the Chairperson of this committee. The other committee members are: Mark Cappucilli, Tom DeVoe, Joe Lacy, and Paula Troup. The Academic Affairs Committee members are: Andy Rebholz, Mike Fitzpatrick, Nancy Verity, Tom DeVoe, Mark Cappucilli, Ron Stoer, and Elizabeth Shonter. Elizabeth Shonter and Mark Cappucilli chair this committee jointly. The Student Rights Committee of SGA is chaired by Kathleen Kelly. The other members of the committee are: Mike Fitzpatrick, Mary Esther Murphy, Tom Cerbone, Joe Parker and Ron Stoer. The members of the Election Committee are: Donna Boyan, Cindy Pew, Mary Esther Murphy, and Dennis Healy. The last committee formed was the Library Committee whose members are: Amy Ryan, Ted Kolwicz, Sheila Donovan and Maggy O'Brien.

The final matter of business was the discussion of student participation in Homecoming Week. Senator Eileen Brennan informed the Senate that the college homecoming would be held Saturday, October 11. Concurrently, the Class of 1970 will hold their five year reunion along with the alumni annual reunion. The college hopes to hold a Homecoming Parade, with campus organizations submitting floats. The alumni association has also included the present students in their plans for a dinner and dance the night of the 11th. The price for tickets is $7.00 per person.

Having no further business to discuss, the meeting was then adjourned.

Local Banking Services Surveyed

By JOHN GALLAGHER

Have you ever thought that perhaps your money could be earning more interest in another bank? Have you ever wondered if your banking conveniences are the best possible? Have you ever been bothered by the service charge on your checking account? The following information may prompt you to take your money out of your present bank, or, it may give you a sense of satisfaction in knowing that you made the best decision as to where to put your money. In any event, this information should prove helpful to you.

The Bank of Pasco County, located at 401 E. Meridian Ave. in Dade City, offers a passbook savings account at 5 per cent, compounded quarterly. The customer can make withdrawals up to three times a month without the $1 charge per transaction that is assessed after that.

The bank offers checking accounts without any charge, provided an average balance of $300.00 for the month is kept in the account. If the average balance is below $300.00, a charge of 10 cents per check is levied against the account.

The Flagship Bank of Zephyrhills at 813 Gall Blvd. has a passbook savings account, offering 5 per cent compounded quarterly.

They offer two basic styles of checking services. No service charge or check charge is placed upon the customer in the first account if a $200.00 balance is maintained. If, however, the minimum falls below $200.00 there is a service charge of 50 cents a month, and a charge of 10 cents per check. The maximum charge is $2.50 a month.

This bank also offers what they call the New Horizon account which covers the person with $10,000 worth of accidental death insurance. Also it allows for free travelers checks, money orders and cashier's checks for a fee of $3.00 a month.

The Ellis First National Bank of Dade City, at 501 E. Church Ave., has a regular passbook savings plan that yields 5 per cent interest compounded daily, golden-passbook plans at 5½ per cent allowing withdrawals only four times a year, golden premium passbook plans at 6 per cent with a minimum of $500 for 24 months.

Checking is free with a $300.00 minimum. Otherwise the charge is 50 cents a month and 10 cents a check. The customer can arrange to have the bank make all utility payments. Ellis offers free checking to Senior Citizens.

Florida Federal Savings and Loan at 409 E. Church Ave., has savings accounts at 5¼ per cent, along with their Prestige Account, also at 5¼ per cent, with a $50.00 minimum. This account allows for free check cashing at various locations around the country.

Mid-State Federal Savings and Loan, located at 612 S. 7th St., has a passbook plan at 5¼ per cent compounded quarterly. Mid-State has no checking.

Citizens Bank of Zephyrhills at 710 5th Ave., has passbook plans at 5 per cent compounded monthly. Free checking is offered with a $200.00 minimum. If the account falls below the minimum a 10 cent charge is assessed per check. No more than $2.50 is charged per month on checks without the $200.00 balance.

Abbey Files Against Tampa Banks In Carney Case

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1975, Saint Leo Abbey filed suit against two Tampa based banks in an attempt to recover $250,000 that the Abbey contends was embezzled by former financial consultant Peter Carney.

The suit charges that the Exchange National and the Barnett Bank have refused to return $250,000 that was released to Carney without (claims the Abbey) its approval.

The suit says that Carney used a rubber stamp to represent the Abbey in making the transactions at the banks. The money was allegedly withdrawn from an Abbey account in one bank and transferred to an account in the other under a different name.

Other developments in the Carney case: Florida Governor Reubin Askew sent a letter to the Governor of Minnesota asking for Carney's extradition to Florida.

Carney, who at one time operated the Pilgrim Center at St. Leo, is scheduled for an extradition hearing in Minneapolis on September 26.

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Monarchs Smash Rangers

The St. Leo Monarch 1975-76 Club Football season started off with a bang when the Monarchs easily defeated the Tampa Rangers 23-0. The first points put on the new St. Leo scoreboard were made by Rick Rosenwein in the first quarter with a field goal.

The second Monarch score came in the second quarter when Jim Mulligan snuck - one in from the one yard line, to make the score 9-0. The Monarch's missed the extra point.

In the third quarter a 40 yard run by Rick Giles set up the next touchdown for Tim Gleason, who took it in from the 4. The extra point was scored by Rick Rosenwein, to bring the score up to 16-0.

In the fourth quarter Dennis Lavelle intercepted a pass to gallop 40 yards for a touchdown. This brought the score to 23-0, and the Monarch's finished up the game by holding off the Ranger's offense.

The game certainly exhibited the best effort yet by the St. Leo Club football team. Individual members of the team expressed to **The Independent Monarch** the desire to extend their thanks to Charlie Gordon for helping to get the new scoreboard up in time, and to the fans for such a great turnout. To finish off the day, the St. Leo Quarterback Club donated free beer at the Cage to celebrate the Monarch victory.

Cheerleaders Begin Season

The 1975-76 St. Leo College Cheerleading Squad began their season together in this first week of competitive sports at the college. The cheerleaders captain is Eileen Brennan, a senior from Jacksonville, Florida, who is a four year veteran of the squad. Her co-captain Cindy Pew of Syracuse, New York, is also a veteran squad member. They are joined by one other 'old-timer', junior Mary Bauser.

Four new freshman girls have joined the cheerleading squad this year. They are: Nancy Craig, Teri LaCanfora, Lisa Patti, and Marianne Pew. Also leading the crowds at this year's games will be three male cheerleaders. These dare-devils are: Frank Campisano, Craig Russell, and Andy Harney.

The cheerleaders hope to be able to attend as many away games as possible. They are now trying to get efforts going to raise the money to go to the Monarch football game which is to be played against Gallaudet College on October 4, in Washington, D.C. Anyone wishing to donate anything to their cause should contact Eileen Brennan, either in the SGA office or at the Villa. The first donation of $20.00 was made Sunday at the game by Dr. Thomas Southard, president of St. Leo College.

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